Dear parents of 7th and 8th grade boys,

I trust that you have had a great summer and are looking forward to this school year! My name is Mr. Bartels and I will be your child’s Literacy and Social Studies teacher for the 2012-13 school year. I can be reached through the school (215-247-5266) (leave a message), at 267-439-1042, or at nbartels@philasd.org.

There are certain materials that students are required to have or bring to school. Each student should have the following items **at home** to do homework (homework packets will be distributed at the beginning of EACH week and collected at the end of the week):

* 1 dictionary
* 1 thesaurus
* lined paper

In addition, during the first week of school each student should **bring to class**:

* 1 ream of copy paper with their name written on it.

Below is a list of supplies students should have with them EACH DAY. ***If they use up, damage or lose an item, they need to get a replacement immediately*.**

* 4 composition notebooks (NOT spiral bound!)
* 3 folders with 2 pockets and tabs for attaching 3 hole paper
* 1 flashdrive (to save work done on computers, preferably linked to a keychain)
* 1 bookbag with small pocket for pencils and other small items
* 4 highlighter pens; one in each of the following colors: yellow, green, blue, orange
* 4 pencils (sharpened)
* 1 pencil sharpener that catches its own shavings
* 4 manila folders
* 1 ziplock bag, marked with student’s name, to store independent reading book(s)
* 1 ziplock baggie, marked with student’s name, to store cell phone in (*Registration form should be filled out for all students bringing a cell phone to school.*)
* 1 small bottle of hand sanitizer

If there is a problem obtaining any of the above materials, please contact me; there are outside organizations which can help families who have trouble acquiring school materials.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to teaching your child this year. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know!

Sincerely,

Mr. Bartels